

Memo

Office of the Superintendent

To: Department of Public Instruction
From: Keith A. Marty, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools
Date: June 12, 2009
Re: American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Qualified School Construction Bonds

The School District of Menomonee Falls is pleased to be able to submit construction projects to you under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act - Qualified School Construction Bonds Program. Our school district takes seriously our investment in Early Childhood and Four Year Old Kindergarten, Green and Healthy Schools, and Safe and Healthy Schools.

We trust you will find our proposals worthy of your approval. Our School Board has approved the 4K/EC Center as a way to more effectively and efficiently meet the learning needs of our youngest students, as well as more collaboratively instruct the students.

Our remaining projects are found in our five year capital improvement plans. The Construction Bonds would allow us to accelerate these energy and environment improvements.

We confirm the district's commitment to comply with the Davis Bacon prevailing wage requirements. Thank you again for consideration.

School District of Menomonee Falls

June 11, 2009

APPLICATION - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB)

Early Childhood/Four Year Old Kindergarten Center Ben Franklin Elementary School

The Board of Education of the School District of Menomonee Falls, in Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin approved the establishment of an Early Childhood/Four Year Old Kindergarten Center at its regular board meeting on May 18, 2009.

Furthermore, the Board of Education set forth a timeline for the 4K/EC Center to open starting in the 2010-2011 school year. The school district representatives have met with architects to develop a comprehensive plan. This plan is attached.

The School District of Menomonee Falls has rich history of providing age appropriate, inclusive experience for young children that has progressed over the past ten years. We have evolved from a half-day five year old kindergarten into a full-day five year old kindergarten program. Three years ago, the Board of Education approved an initiative that created 4K using a collaborative partner model. We partnered with community daycare and preschools, offering district funded 4K programs in local pre-schools and daycare centers. The Village of Menomonee Falls Community Collaborative Partnership is considered a leader in Waukesha County, providing a collaborative partnership for 4K programming.

Through the consolidation of the existing 4K and Early Childhood Special Education classrooms from neighborhood schools into a center, we will be able to better address issue of health and safety. We have designed an Early Learning Center that will maintain a secure wing or section of the building, with limited access to only students, staff and registered visitors associated with the program. The 4K/EC Center will allow for consideration to health and safety issues, and personal responsibility for self care. Students would have access to self-care facilities that promote independence and foster pride in accomplishment. The plan allows for energy efficient windows, lights, and doors to be installed, providing state of the art energy efficiency. These items will help the center/school to become more "green" or environmentally sound.

The four-year-old kindergarten/Early Childhood Center will be an age appropriate, accessible facility, based upon research which indicates that there are universal, predictable sequences of growth and change that occur in children during the first nine years of life. This center will provide an environment that promotes unique patterns of growth ensuring that learning experiences are meaningful, relevant and respectful for children.

The 4K/Early Learning Center will provide an environment that allows students opportunities for choice, hands-on activities and independence, as well as small and large group activities. The curriculum activities will emphasize process, rather than product. The 4K/EC center will provide a nurturing environment for all children, where students have clear guidelines that they help to create. These guidelines are modeled for and practiced by all students, including students with disabilities. The literacy/print rich environment allows for exposure to literature and vocabulary, opportunities for dialogue, learning through social interaction, and opportunities for dramatic play, listening, writing, and other literature rich activities. A daily schedule/routine will be followed and communicated to children and parents.

The 4K/EC Center will provide classrooms with a variety of materials and learning centers/stations that are accessible and appealing to four-year-olds. School structures for 4K will be adaptable, flexible and open. Additionally, the 4K/EC Center should provide large group spaces for gathering children and parent outreach activities.

It is our belief that through the funding this project, the School District of Menomonee Falls will be able to create a district 4K/EC center that will provide the community with a model facility. It will allow us to further the district goal of an inclusive learning environment for young children that will better meet the needs of all children.

Green and Healthy Schools - Window Replacement/Upgrade to Low E' Glass Ben Franklin Elementary School

The window replacement/upgrade to Low E' Glass project falls within our current 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. Under our current budget planning, this project would need to be executed over a 5-year period of time. With the approval of this funding, the project will be accelerated to more quickly improve the energy efficiency of Ben Franklin Elementary School and to more quickly reduce any adverse environmental impact of leaky old single pane windows. The original windows were installed in 1961 (48 years old). Upgrading the entire building to "Green" windows all in one project will minimize the total cost of completing this project and increase the efficiency of our recently upgraded HVAC System in Ben Franklin Elementary School.

****The School District of Menomonee Falls is committed to comply with the Davis Bacon prevailing wage requirements on the above described projects.**

School District of Menomonee Falls

June 11, 2009

APPLICATION - American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB)

Early Childhood/Four Year Old Kindergarten Center Green and Healthy Schools - Window Replacement/Upgrade to Low E' Glass

Funding Expectation (Application Request) \$ 1,000,000

ARRA Qualified School Construction Bonds (QSCB)

Project Cost Breakdown - Ben Franklin Elementary School

Early Childhood/Four Year Old Kindergarten Center

Demolition/Removal of 4 interior walls and science casework	\$	125,000
Restroom Renovation (1 set of 6 stall restrooms)		75,000
Asbestos Abatement		40,000
Lighting/Electrical Upgrades		105,000
Replacement of existing ceilings with Acoustic Ceilings		40,000
Plumbing/Construction of In-Classroom Early Learner Restroom Facilities		85,000
Upgrade existing lockers to Early Learner Cubbies		30,000
Installation of Security Entrance/Exit Doors to 4K/EC wing of building		10,000
Corridor to Access existing Courtyard (Early Learner Nature Center)		15,000
Window Replacement/Upgrade to Low E' Glass 4K/EC wing of building		125,000
TOTAL Early Childhood/Four Year Old Kindergarten Center	\$	650,000

The following projects fall within our current 5-year Capital Improvement Plan. With this funding, these projects will be accelerated to more quickly **improve energy efficiency and reduce any adverse impact on the environment.**

Green and Healthy Schools -

Window Replacement/Upgrade to Low E' Glass (remainder of building)

4 (remaining) sections of the **Ben Franklin Elementary Building** 4 Sections x \$125,000
(Original windows were installed in 1961 (48 years old).

Upgrading entire building to "Green" windows in one project
minimizes the total cost of the Window Replacement/Upgrade Project
and increases the efficiency of recently upgraded HVAC System)

TOTAL Window Replacement/Upgrade to Low E' Glass (remainder of building) 500,000

GRAND TOTAL QSCB Project Cost \$ 1,150,000

The project cost in excess of \$1,000,000 (\$150,000)
will be covered within our existing capital improvement budget.

*****All Project Costs include the district's commitment to comply with the Davis Bacon prevailing wage requirements.***

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MENOMONEE FALLS

Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin

MINUTES OF MEETING BOARD OF EDUCATION

Date: May 18, 2009
Purpose: Regular Meeting
Present: *Board Members Present* – Bertieri, Noshay, Mandry, Palazzari, Shurilla, VanderHorst, Weiland
(Absent: Newman/joins via phone contact at 7:35 p.m.)
Administrators: Marty, Crouse, Dohmeier, Gross, Gross-Ackeret, Harris, Hintz, Keller, Marks, Schoonover
Media – Cable TV, Menomonee Falls Express, My Community NOW.Com

Kathy Shurilla, School Board President, called this meeting to order at 7:03 p.m. Those present recited the Pledge of Allegiance led by Tyler Mandry. Public posting of the meeting was noted.

Motion by Gina Palazzari

To approve the minutes from the regular School Board meeting on May 11, 2009

Yes - 6

No – 0

Superintendent Keith Marty introduced Scott Park, teacher leader of the Project Lead the Way program. Mr. Park introduced his student teacher, Josh Greene, and his students in the program who were present. The students were recently recognized by Senator Alberta Darling with a Citation by the Legislature at the Capitol building on April 28.

Bill Hintz, High School Principal, introduced Outstanding Students for the Semester II, 6 weeks period. Mr. Michael Zens, music instructor, was recognized as Outstanding Teacher for the same period.

Tyler Mandry, Student School Board Member, gave a report on activities taking place at the High School.

Two citizens addressed the School Board:

Becky Hager-Kachelek, MacArthur Drive - urged School Board members to vote for Option B. She asked for Board members to be proactive and look to the future in their decisions regarding elementary facilities.

Ann Oelerich, Water Street - representing the Amanda Frakes family, thanked the District's staff, administrators and all who aided Amanda's family in their time of sorrow. A "Celebration of Life" for Amanda will take place on May 28 at the Jack Magnuson Nature Center at 3:00 p.m.

Board Committee Reports:

Curriculum and Learning: Anne Weiland reported this committee met on May 15. Discussions included MAP testing and subsequent literacy benchmarks to measure growth of all students, a G/T program review, including discussion of the task force focus group which will meet on May 19. The committee heard a technology report on the updated 3-year technology plan. This committee will next meet on June 5 – 8:00 a.m.

Finance and Auxiliary Services: Mr. Bertieri reported this committee met on May 14. The minutes from the previous meeting of May 11th were approved. The committee discussed with Johnson Bus officials a proposal submitted to the school district for student transportation for the 2010-2011 school year. The PMA Financial Network gave a presentation to the group and the committee heard an update on the planning of the 2009-2010 fiscal budget due to State aid changes. This committee will next meet on June 4 at 7:30 a.m.

Personnel: Gina Palazzari reported this committee met earlier this evening to discuss employee matters and negotiations.

Policy: Faith VanderHorst reported this committee discussed two policies at their May 12 meeting. One is on the agenda for a first read tonight.

ACTION ITEMS:

Motion by Dave Noshay

To approve vouchers from 5/8/09 through 5/13/09 in the amount of \$327,468.27

Yes -7

No – 0

Motion by Gina Palazzari

To elect for the 2009-2010 term the following officers of the Board: Kathy Shurilla, President; Anne Weiland, Vice President; Faith VanderHorst, Clerk and Ron Bertieri, Treasurer

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion by Gina Palazzari

To accept and approve the end of the year resignation of Joe Russell, Associate Principal of Ben Franklin Elementary

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion by Faith VanderHorst

To establish an Early Childhood/Four-year-old Kindergarten Center at Ben Franklin Elementary School to begin operation in the 2010-2011 school year and to redistrict elementary students for this purpose.

Yes – 7

No – 0

Motion by Gina Palazzari

To confirm Ben Franklin, Shady Lane, Riverside and Valley View as the district's elementary schools and to not reopen Thomas Jefferson as a school facility for the 2010-2011 school year.

Motion by Anne Weiland

To lay the elementary facilities item on the table until close of next meeting (June 8) in order to hear more information on Governor Doyle's budget

Yes – 3

No – 4

Due to the vote this Motion to table is denied. School Board President Kathy Shurilla Reads the Original Motion once again:

To confirm Ben Franklin Shady Lane, Riverside and Valley View as the district's elementary schools and to not reopen Thomas Jefferson as a school facility for the 2010-2011 school year.

Each School Board member weighed in on his/her opinion and the vote was taken.

Yes – 5

No – 2